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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St Poelten, Allentsteig and Gaming

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 15 April 1955, 3 sedans and 2 jeeps were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiesstatt Ring in St Poelten (O 49/W 88). The court was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan [redacted] and jeep [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed departing from the building. Empty ammunition boxes were observed at the roofed cellar rooms west of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building. The rooms were guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia entered the Eugen Kaserne in the area of which 2 trucks and a pontoon carrier were parked in the open. Two trucks, each of which carried 3 or 4 mortars and about 20 soldiers, entered the Rainer Kaserne. When the trucks stopped, some of the soldiers carried the mortars to a storage shed while the others entered their billets.

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2. Two boxcars were observed on the railroad spur of the former mill at 88 Wiener Strasse where trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [redacted] were seen. A medical corps major who wore red-bordered black epaulets entered the former Altersheim (home for the old aged) on Franz Binder Strasse. Two ambulances were parked in the area.

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3. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne included trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, trucks [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, amphibious jeeps [redacted] and signal truck [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and truck [redacted] with a civilian driver. Three T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 8 trucks, 2 van-like motor vehicles and 3 jeeps were parked in the area of Camp Spratzern. The aiming device representing a moving air target on the western edge of the camp was observed in an unenhanced condition. Motor vehicles observed at the camp included trucks [redacted] sedan [redacted] and box-shaped motor vehicle [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, signal truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets and van-like motor vehicle [redacted]

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4. On 14 April 1955, a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets entered the komendatura in Allentsteig (O 49/R 53). Sedans [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed in front of the komendatura. Motor vehicles observed in the area of the town included truck [redacted]

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van-like motor vehicle [redacted] and jeep [redacted] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] exercises had been discontinued for some time no new troops were observed for some time.²

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5. On 12 April 1955, a major and 2 captains, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the former convent in Garming (O 48/W 45). The convent was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets and six trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were parked in the area. Eighteen soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at physical training at the site. Sedan [redacted] which was occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets and came from the direction of Scheibbs (O 49/W 56) arrived at the convent. The lieutenant colonel stayed at the convent and, subsequently, left toward Scheibbs in the same sedan.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. These reports from St Poelten and Camp Spratzern agree with previous information. The component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which are stationed there are located in their billets. All motor-vehicle [redacted] mentioned belong to units of this station. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The winter exercises in Doellersheim have come to a close. The usual ^{spring} rotation of troops to the training grounds has apparently not yet started. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Component units of a battalion of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are known to be in the former convent. 25X1

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